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To all my Dippy 'zine trading partners:

Greetings! Unfortunately, I bring bad news. Due to recent events, I am forced to cancel all trading arrangements except those below. If you want the whole gory story, I'll be glad to give it personally. Basically, it involves a squeeze on my free time until Mid-May, and that the whole purpose of trading with you is to create an archive. Unfortunately, I am forced by reality to cancel that dream at least for the foreseeable future, that is eight to twelve years.

I have talked extensively with Conrad von Metzke about me holding up my end of the bargain concerning being Vice-Custodian of the Boardman numbers, and we both feel that I can do it. Besides, we are both sure that Conrad will probably have the longest term as Custodian to date! Well, anyway, do not be concerned about that for the moment. However, if your copy of Everything... is a month overdue, and I send you a little rag entitled Badger Archives #4, you know I mean business and must trade with all of you in order to keep up the Boardman numbers. Let us hope that this does not happen. If it does, however, believe me, I am ready!

Now then, specifically, if you are not mentioned below, this is the last of my publications you will receive. All others which I "owe" you as part of any trade agreement we had have already been mailed third class, or printed matter rate overseas. If you don't have these 'zines, tell me and I'll make good my end of the bargain. Allow until the end of February (March for overseas) before griping, however.

A. Trade agreements that I will keep, unilaterally if necessary.

The following persons will continue to receive what is noted even if they do not wish to continue to trade with me. Note, these are minimums, not necessarily what I will trade for.

1. Walter Buchanan--one copy of everything I print. If you choose to continue trade, I'll send you two copies, third class, every month; otherwise, the one copy's will be sent in one pound packages as they accumulate.

2. Conrad F. von Metzke--one copy of everything I print concerned with regular Diplomacy. Third class, one pound bunches. Should you decide to continue our trade, I'll send my end first class every week, provided you send (in addition to the materials I will need to continue as vice-Custodian) Saguenay and Constanquana, third class if you wish.

3. Lewis Pulsipher--one copy of everything I publish concerned with variants, third class in one pound packages. If you wish to continue the trade, I'll send my material every week, first class.

4. Games Research Inc.--one copy of everything I publish, first class as it is published. No trade agreement, as these are complimentary copies.

B. Trades I might keep, provided we can work out the details.

If you are listed below, and wish to send me everything you publish concerned with Diplomacy that is noted, I will send either Carbon 13 or Gargoyle, first class to you. You must contact me, however. At this instant, our trades are severed, though through your initiative, they can

- a) John Boardman
- b) Chic Milliker
- c) Richard Hull
- d) Micheal Feron

be saved if you want to save them.
I really don't care, although I wouldn't make this offer if I didn't like your 'zines, and much more than average.

Well, sorry, folks, but thoms the breaks. I urge Mrs. Buchanan, von Metzke and Pulsipher to contact me if they cannot accept the trades, but the part about my sending them stuff no matter what still holds.

Concerning using me as rule dispute settler in 1962A, I will not seek, but would accept the position. Note: I will continue playing in all my games!